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HON. D. B. HENDERSON,
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Who is to be made a member of El Kahir Temple Nobles Mystic Shrine at the meeting to be held at Dubuque May 22nd.

Among the Lodges.

Michigan has 43,742 Master Masons, of whom ten lodges in Detroit claim 4,264. A good showing.

It will be a remarkable fact in the career of our M. W. Grand Secretary, Dr. Parvin, that his severe illness will keep him from the Grand Lodge communication in June. So far as we know it will be his first absence from Grand Lodge in more than half a century.

Now that Vice-President Roosevelt has been raised (April 24, Oyster Bay) we look for a gust of wind from various sources over the "turmoil and display." Think of it! After the work, R.W. Wm. L. Swan presented him with a "Monitor," and Grand Secretary Ehlers gave him a "Master Masons Certificate," all of which should have been done down behind the "Shuckin' Shed" by dim light and without visitors. Eh?

A CURIOUS MASONIC APPEAL.

London, April 10.—The Turkish Free Masons have sent to King Edward a curious appeal on behalf of the unfortunate Mourad, elder brother of Abdul Hamid, who reigned as sultan under the name of Amurath V. for three months and was then deposed on the ground of insanity. The appeal refers to him as "one who for the last quarter of a century has been imprisoned on the pretext of a mental malady," and begs King Edward to use his influence to secure the freedom of a brother Mason.

TYRIAN SIOUX CITY.

It is seldom that one witnesses a better rendition of the "third" than was given by the Worshipful Master of this lodge on May 2. It was a pleasure to be there. With the Grand Master we were guests of honor, and, as noted elsewhere, the Grand Master did himself proud as a worker. At the banquet several of us made talks and the Worshipful "Joe" was a witty, able toastmaster.

The Royal Arch.

It will be cheering news to the Companions of Iowa to learn that our M. E. G. High Priest, Judge Hyatt, of Webster City, is slowly improving in health.

At Marshalltown E. H. P., I. T. Forbes, has work going on continually. Ike is a hustler anywhere.

Spirit Lake and Manson are seeking dispensations for Chapters.

We were sorry to hear that Grand High Priest, Judge Hyatt, has been sick for a couple of months the past spring. We hope for his early recovery.

Monona Chapter R. A. M. did some splendid work in the Royal Arch degree recently, after which a banquet was served at the Monona House. Out of town brethren present were: D. M. Brownlee, Sioux City; G. H. James, Whiting; E. E. Eggli, R. S. Fesenden, W. E. Hodgin, C. W. Cope, Onáwa; W. S. Barton, Castana; I. B. Santee, W. C. Cameron, M. C. Cord, F. S. Gibson, Danbury; J. W. Wolfe, Smithland.

Commanderies.

P. G. Commander Geo. W. Bever is able to spend considerable of his time in the open air, and his friends hope for continual improvement in his health.

The Commandery at Marshalltown reports attending Easter services at the Episcopal church with fine attendance.

A moment's converse with R. E. Grand Commander, at Sioux City, in April, showed him looking well, and he says all the lines are moving nicely in Iowa.

Ames will be a strong applicant for a Commandery soon.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF STATE OF IOWA.

Apartments of the Grand Commander.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, March 28, 1901.

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights within the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa:

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa, at its annual conclave held at Templar Park in July, 1900, adopted a tactics and manuel for use of this Grand Jurisdiction, and it is now the only authorized work on that subject.

A committee consisting of R. E. Sir D. W. Clements, P. G. C., R. E. Sir John H. Pettibone, P. G. C., and Sir Knight A. A. Rodman, was appointed to edit and supervise the printing and binding, and they have performed that duty.

Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers, of Davenport, Iowa, by which they print and bind the book and sell it at fifty cents per copy. They have done the work well, the paper, printing and binding is an excellent job, and the book presents a neat and attractive appearance. The price was fixed by the Grand Commandery, and is very reasonable for a work so complete and so well executed.

Books of tactics now in use are intended more particularly for those versed in the military, and can scarcely be understood or be of practical assistance to the civilian. In contra-distinction, the object of this work is to furnish the necessary tactics for the Asylum and public functions of the Knight Templar in so simple and easy reference form, as will at once constitute an instructor both for officers and Knights. So far as is possible this result is attained in this work, and its use is sure to promote, to a great degree, proficiency in the tactics.

Commanders are generally more deficient in matters covered by this work than in any other, and the Grand Commandery has acted wisely in providing means for improvement in this respect. It is, therefore, strongly urged that every Sir Knight shall supply himself with a copy of the Tactics and Manual, and especially that every officer shall do so. It is also suggested that the Commanders arrange to furnish each candidate with a copy along with the uniform now required.

That due attention be called to this order, let it be read at the head of the lines at the first stated conclave after it shall be received.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa, the day and year above written.

D. M. BROWNLEE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:
ALF. WINGATE,
Grand Recorder.

The Scottish Rite.

Maundy Thursday was observed in an interesting way, we are told, by the brothers of the Rite at Muscatine, most of whom are members of the Consistory at Davenport.

This year marks the centennial of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite, and is being widely celebrated. From the reports received this has been the most widely and splendidly celebrated Masonic event of the day.

WELL ENTERED.

The editor of the *Illinois Freemason* thus points out one of the "mysteries" of Masonry: "When one walks along the streets and sees the great display of Masonic rings, charms, pins and other insignia, he marvels at the great strength of Freemasonry, but when he goes in a lodge room and finds only the faithful few he is left but one conclusion, and that is that a good deal of Freemasonry is external and not internal."—*Standard.*

WHO STARTED THIS?

Advices from Roland, Iowa, state that the interesting contest between the Norwegian church and the Masons of the town is practically at an end, a lodge having been established in January, which is now in a healthy and prosperous condition, "taking in lots of excellent timber."—*Masonic News.*

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) 1903.
Iowa, Grand, Davenport, 1901.
N. B. HYATT.....Webster City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.
General Grand (U. S.,)
Iowa, Grand Council, Davenport, Sept., 1901.
A. R. DEWEY.....Washington.....M. P. G. M
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
D. M. BROWNLEE...Sioux City..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.
FREDA OPPENHEIMER Webster City GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B. WINSOR,..Reed City, Mich....IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Wesley Geiger.....Cedar Rapids.....Recorder
MEETINGS AT HOME:

	July 26	October 25
May 22 Dubuque	August 23	November 22
June 8, Kansas City trip	September 27	December 11

Never tire!

Some are good waiters.

Time heals wounds, but strengthens one's memory.

True Masons will never imitate the rudeness of address used in the past. It was a sad commentary upon the lofty sentiments at other times indulged in.

We are sorry to announce the serious illness of our venerable brother, Grand Secretary Parvin, at his home in this city. At his age and under his ailment there is but slight hope for his recovery.

The *Constellation* announces that the Commandary in St. Louis that refused admission to visitors has "reconsidered their ill-advised action," and well they may. What kind of southern hospitality was that anyhow?

The *American Tyler* is rapidly impressing us with the conviction that its efforts to curry favor with all on whom any seeming criticism is made by other Masonic journals, is of a kind with the unclean politician.

Shibboleth, Vol. 1, No. 1, Bun F. Price, editor, Masonic Publishing Co., Memphis, Tenn., price $1 per year. It is most welcome from the sunny south, and since Brother Price's "Masonic Publishing Co.," like ours, is doubtless incorporated, how he will enjoy his "labor of love" in being about the whole thing, we can judge by eight years' experience.

From the Grand Master we gather that a number of lodges V. D. have been war ranted, of which we wish we'd have had earlier word.

At Sioux City one of the "novelties" was the Grand Master giving the "charge" and completing the "raising" without a break.

PAN-AMERICAN OPENING.

The Pan-American Exposition will be thrown open to the public on Wednesday, May 1. The Common Council of the City of Buffalo declared that day a civic holiday and the entire city turned out in recognition of this signal event which celebrates the Centennial of the founding of the city, and which is the first great exposition to be devoted exclusively to the interests of Pan-America.

A new booklet, just issued for the exposition, tells a very charming story of its history and creation, and describes the beautiful city in which the festival has been developed and brought to completion. The booklet is embellished with many illustrations, including twelve colored plates of Exposition buildings and views. These will be sent free to applicants by the Bureau of Publicity so long as the edition lasts. All the principal buildings of the Exposition have been completed for some time. The installation of exhibits began many weeks ago, and there is every reason to expect that the Exposition will have a sand-paper finish on the first day of May—a remarkable achievement, indeed, considering the unfavorable weather and the history of other expositions in this regard. Some of the afterthoughts, such as State buildings, will not be done till May 20, which is to be Dedication Day.

WHY NO IOWA VET ASSOCIATION.

Several years ago we heard of a Masonic Veterans Association that was projected upon some plan or other; but the very fact that it has not materialized is proof of its failure. There are many Brothers and Fellows in Iowa who have been for twenty-one years affiliated with the craft, and we want to see an Association organized while Dr. Parvin, the Nestor, still abides with us.

THE MAN OF MOUNT MORIAH.

The great Masonic and Christian serial—"The Man of Mt. Moriah,"—occupies a field entirely its own. It is unique, individual, new.

The Man of Mount Moriah is no less a person than Hiram Abif, who was Grand Architect at the building of King Solomen's Temple. We are asked, in the story, to follow his fortunes from the time of his first meeting with Solomon, King of Israel, to a time in which there is nothing more to say. We see him resisting strong and cunning temptation; we listen when he spurns selfish and ignoble love; we watch as he rewards devotion and faithfulness; we stand by his side as he sends the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason to every brother entitled to wear it, and listen to his wonderful lecture on its symbolism; we see him in the mountains, in the quarries, in the palace of Solomon, in and about the Temple, and riding up and down the land over which Solomon ruled; and we always find him wise, strong, beautiful, loving, patient, faithful, thoughtful, earnest, ready! We walk, at night, to and fro upon the Temple arena, with him and Andoniram; we follow his deadliest foe into Ethopia; we pass in, between the Pillars of the Porch, while he speaks; we kneel beside him in the completed sanctum sanctorium; our prayers rise with his, and we linger but a little as he passes out at the south gate to the workmen. The narrative is vivid, striking, attractive, and reads like a history of yesterday.

A story without woman would be as strange as the world without her, and the author of "The Man of Mount Moriah" haunts the life of its hero with a woman whose intellect and cruel cunning are quite sufficient to inspire the brutality of three men—or more—against him, Belleju has the face of an angel, the ambition of a fiend, and a soul that might pose for the drawing of "a gentleman from Ethopia!" It is a pleasure to turn from memories of her to thoughts of the lovely and noble sister of Adoniram, and to Miriam, Hiram the second's faultless wife, two of the purest and best of women.

"The Man of Mount Moriah" is printed on good paper, has an outer and inner emblematic title page and twenty-five appropriate illustrations, three of which are views of the Temple of Solomon and three views of the workmen. It is followed by an elucidation of the "Templar Life and Mission," a number of short Masonic poems, and the "Drama of Esther," illustrated. In all there are three hundred and sixty-six large octavo pages, in a heavy paper cover, and the price is one dollar, postpaid. The book is very interesting and instructive, and affords light which every Freemason and friend should receive. Orders should be addressed to

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The Mystic Shrine.

KANSAS CITY'S ARABS' GREETING.

Without detracting from the "loving and liquid" delights heretofore afforded us at previous Imperial Council Cities—including the hotel hold-up at some of them—we extend our stylus to Kansas City—Ararat Temple—and its Imperial Committee for the praise winning method for entertaining us next month. See here:—

1. Hotels have been placed under guarantee not to charge above agreed rates, nor to over crowd rooms, and any Noble who thinks he's held up wants to go the local committee in the Baltimore Hotel and kick—they'll see to it.

2. Instead of the (we!) brass collar element being the exclusive guests, ALL ARE TO BE TREATED ALIKE—to an Arab's welcome. We've all along favored this, and that whenever there was any necessity to provide beyond the means of the local committee, let *all* pay. We look for unstinted praise to be heaped upon the heads of the Ararats for the *intention*, and even if some congestion occurs here and there, lets remember *we are all equal!*

From "*Masonic Standard*" we glean that "Mecca" is still the greatest on earth and doing business at the old stand. An Arctic explorer and two D. D. Grand Masters were among the "novices" lately. Further hear ye:

The Recorder and Treasurer of Mecca Temple, Dr. Saram R. Ellison, and Noble George W. Millar, will sail for Europe next Saturday. They will land at Genoa and journey thence to Venice. They will then join Barnum's circus and travel with "the greatest show on earth" for a week through Hungary, enacting their celebrated role of the "Mecca Brothers," in which they have appeared before all the crowned heads of Irup. After shaking the show they will visit Vienna, Strasburg, the Rhine and Paris. "Doc" Ellison will doubtless continue his search for books on magic, which he has pursued so diligently among the old book dealers of New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The wanderers are due to return about June 2.

We were sorry to hear of the illness of Noble Wm. Johnston, Recorder of Medinah, Chicago, with pneumonia. Hope he's better.

Noble Major W. R. Graham of Waterloo has been transferred from the volunteer to the regular army with the rank of captain.

EL KAHIR AT CEDAR FALLS.

Once again the "Old Reliable" has gone on a short pilgrimage, and the result is twenty-eight more Nobles added, while the pleasures of the occasion were most perfect. Every Noble in Cedar Falls and in the surrounding country deserves honorable mention for the hard work and the good results attained. Cedar Falls is on the map sure enough.

DUBUQUE COMES NEXT.

As we turn in copy we hear that Speaker Henderson—possibly Senator Allison—will be in the class May 22d. It will be a great time.

KANSAS CITY.

By the time our next number comes from the press, we'll have been to Kansas City to the first Imperial Council at which all the nobility were invited to share equally the hospitality of the entertaining city. Any of our people going should write us at once. Fare, round trip from Cedar Rapids, $10.70. Buy via C., M. & St. Paul from here and get to enjoy the meeting of El Kahir June 8, as El Kahir's special will leave either that night or by 9 a. m. next morning.

Much as we had hoped to enjoy it, we were denied the privilege of going to Minneapolis to see Zuhrah welcome the Honolulu Pilgrims to their Oasis. That they had a good time goes unsaid.

The Eastern Star.

NOT A "NEW WOMAN'S MOVEMENT."

We are not a "New Woman's Movement," not even an attempt at "Female Masonry," only a social, charitable and fraternal adjunct of a grand organization, under whose

wing we are still content to abide so long as it is composed of our husbands, brothers, sons and fathers, and so long as they offer us affection, protection and fraternal direction. 'Tis true that our membership and fellowship are limited to Masonic circles, but we seek to inculcate principles, which will make us walk through life strewing the fragrant blossoms of helpful words and loving deeds—no matter where they may find lodgment—provided only that some rugged pathway is made smoother, some thorns removed from cruel pillows, and the world made better and brighter by our having lived in it.—*Mrs. Mary S. Russell.*

GATHERED AFTER HAPPENING.

DANCING PARTY.

The dancing party given in Granby hall, Tuesday evening, April 9th, by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, was a very pretty and thoroughly enjoyable affair. The hall was elaborately decorated with the national colors, and numerous cozy corners were arranged. Three adjoining rooms were thrown open for the use of the guests who preferred cards to dancing. Supper was served from a long table decorated with American Beauty roses. Myers' orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.—*Cedar Rapids Republican.*

Pennsylvania Masons still compel the Chapters in that jurisdiction to meet outside their halls.

It was our privilege and pleasure to meet the Grand Matron, Sister Freda Oppenheimer, on her way home from the institution of a new Chapter at Burlington on April 6th. She reports the work as progressing, and looks for a healthy increase in the membership this year. We owe her thanks for a short call in our home.

After a long silent spell we discover an Iowa letter in the "Eastern Star" from Sioux City, giving a number of interesting facts. They celebrated their sixth anniversary on Februaay 18th, had a "necktie social" March 13th, and for eighteen months have been serving banquets for the "brethren," which, from our sample, we know to be all right. Sister Etta McMannue shines as Secretary of the Chapter, while Emma Hawman is Matron.

HERE'S GOOD NEWS.

From this time on we are going to be a friend to the Eastern Star, and while we may never join it, yet we promise to say nothing against it. We have arrived at this conclusion after a full discussion of the merits of the order with our good friend and brother, Wilbur F. Foster, Past Grand Master, who is the Grand Patron of this state. We promised him we would "let up on the Eastern Star," and will surely keep our word. Ladies, here's our hand, but we don't promise to "wear a jewell attached to the lowest button of our vest," because, owing to our rotundity it would not look well.—*Bun F. Price in "Shibboleth."*

Fraternities.

B'NAI B'RITH LOSES MANY MEMBERS.

INSURANCE HOLDERS DROP OUT AS A RESULT OF REDUCTION OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS OF THE ORDER AND AN INCREASE IN THE RATES.

As a result of the reduction of the endowment fund of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith the beneficiary membership of the order has greatly decreased. The reduction of the endowment fund from $2,000 to $1,000 and the institution of a higher table of rates at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge last month, went into effect on March 1st. Many members have therefore severed their connection with the lodge as an insurance company, though they still remain in the order as members without paying an endowment assessment.

Past President Lucius Solomons, in speaking of the effect of the new order of things, said:

"The Independent Order B'nai B'rith was first organized as a benevolent and charitable society. Twenty years ago it was also made a beneficiary society. The rates were then fixed too cheaply, and now

when they wish to raise them the society must suffer. It is now cheaper for young and middle aged men to be insured in regular insurance companies. Therefore these men will naturally drop their insurance in the order. The old men will be about the only ones who will remain beneficiary members of the society.

"I think that in time the beneficiary membership will be entirely eliminated and that the society will flourish, as originally intended, a purely charitable order."

A NEW TRUST.

The Associated Fraternities of America was organized at Chicago on March 21, 1901. If now these who are thus associated will cease to allow their bolo men to go slashing at each other in the field, the new trust will be worthy of confidence; otherwise not.

It is a pleasure to his many Iowa friends to announce that Hon. Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo is likely to be elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks at their Grand Lodge, in Milwaukee, July 23-6, 1901.

The Supreme Lodge A. O. U. W. meets in Buffalo, N. Y., June 14, 1901.

Some of the "organs" of the fraternal benefit orders that come to our table are "stake-bit" with envy, malice and all uncharitableness toward their nearest neighbors, and cannot but cast suspicion upon them everywhere. Charity suffereth long and is kind—but not that kind.

Book Table and Invitations.

The proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina came to hand from R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Charleston.

The Masonic Directory and Calendar of Mapleton, Iowa, came to us recently. It is a neat one.

Handed Out Hot.

HERE'S TO SOME 'ROUND HOME.

"Slander, under ordinary circumstances, among people who do not sustain toward each other any uncommon relation, is one of the lowest offenses against social order; it involves falsehood, malignity and cowardice; but to caluminate a brother Mason violates the fundamental laws of the Brotherhood, and destroys the principles upon which it is built. The slanderer is a disgrace to our order, and its enemy. The maxims of Masonry prescribe the method in which evil reports should be brought to the knowledge of those whom they affect, and for whose injury they were invented; this duty should be discharged in all kindness, and while it places the party injured on his guard, much pain and trouble may be avoided."—*Grand Master S. B. Connelly, October 2, 1871.—47th Prob.*

MANTLES CAN'T HIDE THEM.

You may cover a sneaking, self-seeking man with the mantle of authority; briefly, and for a little time stay him up with an appearance of dignity, but the mantle can't hide the glaring defects. What nasty tricks are played at the expense of the craft anyhow sometimes.

VACATE THE PERPETUALS.

It is being generally observed and remarked upon that a certain lot of brothers "more persistent" than others equally worthy, are the "perpetuals" on committees at certain grand bodies. If this is true, give the perpetuals a vacation and put the kickers on here and there. We know it has worked both ways in Iowa, and doubtless might work some more. Vacate the "perpetuals."

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

It has become the practice too largely to indulge in the habit of smoking in lodge rooms, and that too with a carelessness of the feelings of others that betokens rudeness Many people just as good as we smokers cannot stand the fumes of "twofors" or any other grade of cigar, and it is unfair to them to allow the indulgence of the smoke habit in a place dedicated to common privilege. A Master who permits or accompanies it is not as thoughtful nor as masterly as he ought to be.

A WARM NUMBER.

Of all the hot handed Masonic papers "in the country" the "*47th Problem*," of Chicago, is the one that must get its work in rapidly if not recklessly; and we see the necessity for "just such work" 'round home as the "*Prob*" is doing.

LOUISVILLE 1901.

The MONON ROUTE is now ready to arrange with Commanderies for special trains or special cars between Chicago and Louisville for the 1901 Conclave. Sir Knights contemplating the trip should advise at once with a representative of the Monon whether they want a special train, special car or only a single berth reserved. For further information address

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